

Area Libraries Receive Comprehensive Resource Materials

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LACONIA: Four public libraries in Belknap County are the recent recipients of comprehensive family



resource and educational materials, donated by the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund, along with its partner sponsor the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation.

Recognizing that all families need support, the kits were designed to

enhance parents'

knowledge of child

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families' familiarity

with community

GILMANTON LIBRARY Assisting Katie Brandt (Far L) of the NH Children's Trust Fund in delivering the Strengthening Families Resource Kit to Gilmanton Librarian, Phyllis Buchanan (2nd from L) and Library Volunteer Linda Hudziec (2nd from R) is Deb Rosato (Far R), the Coordinator of the Born Learning Initiative. The materials are now available to patrons of the Gilmanton Community Library. Ms Brandt is also a member of the Belknap County Citizens Council. Photos of other libraries who also received these kits are included below.

resources, and enhance early literacy skills. The information kits were given to the Alton, Belmont, Gilmanton Corner, and Laconia libraries as part of the Children's Trust Fund Strengthening Families Project.

The learning kits offer parents essential information about managing day-to-day stress, child behavior, development, fitness and nutrition and includes the "I Am Your Child" DVD series, produced by Rob Reiner. Libraries also received a portable rack with selected parenting resources, including information from community and statewide family support organizations.

As this Children's' Trust Project so closely aligns with the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families and the Community Partners for Children "Born Learning Initiative", all three groups assisted in the delivery and presentation of these materials to the four libraries.

The Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families is a County Department that promotes the principles of community justice so that children and families can live safely with dignity and respect. Their work of planning, advocacy, networking, and resource development is accomplished via partnerships between lay citizens, professional providers, and others.

Community Partners for Children coordinates the Born Learning Initiative, an effort to generate public interest in early learning. Funded through WLNH Children's Auction, Lakes Region Community Services, and Lakes Region United Way, Born Learning helps parents, caregivers, and communities translate everyday experiences into learning opportunities for young children.

This year, the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund is celebrating 20 years of keeping New Hampshire children safe and families strong by providing resources for communities to support parents. The goal of the Trust Fund is to match a sponsor, such as the Pardoe Foundation, with every public library in the state. As of November 2007, 102 libraries have received sponsorships for this Strengthening Families Project. The Trust Fund hopes to raise enough money to sponsor all of New Hampshire's public libraries by December 2008. Further information is found on their website: www.nhctf.org.

For information about how to sponsor other libraries in the state, contact: New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund, (603) 224-1279 or at info@nhctf.org.

More library pictures follow.



LACONIA LIBRARY Assisting Katie Brandt (Far L), the Family Support Outcomes Director with the NH Children’s Trust Fund, in delivering the Strengthening Families Resource Kit to Randy Brough (2nd from R), the Director of the Laconia Library, is Belknap County Citizens Council member Micheline Roy (2nd from L), and Deb Roasto (Far R), the Director of the Born Learning Initiative. The materials are now available to patrons of the Laconia Library.

Ms. Brandt is also a member of the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families.

ALTON LIBRARY Assisting Katie Brandt (Far L) of the NH Children’s Trust Fund in delivering the Strengthening Families Resource Kit to Holly Brown (2nd from L), Director of the Alton Library, is Belknap County Citizens Council member, Michelin Roy (2nd from R), and Deb Rosato (Far R) Coordinator the Born Learning Initiative.

These materials are now available to patrons of the Alton Public Library. Ms Brant is also a member of the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families.



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BELMONT LIBRARY Assisting Katie Brandt (2nd from L) of the NH Children's Trust Fund in delivering the Strengthening Families Resource Kit to Jackie Heath (2nd from R), Director of the

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(Far R), and
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